

Unknown U.S. Occupation Issue

Bird Airmails From Austria

They have been a long time in coming but the four remaining denominations of the definitive air-mail series Austria began in 1950 with the release of two stamps, and added to with a single in 1952, were issued September 25 and became valid for the prepayment of postage fees on September 29.



Continuing the theme of the first three, these two picture birds native to the nation. Denominations, colors and designs are 1 Schilling steel blue, Swallows (Hirundo rustica); 3S blue green, Cormorants (Phalacrocorax carbo); 5S red brown, Buzzard (Buteo buteo); 10S gray violet, Heron (Ardea cinerea).



Hans Strohofer who designed the first three was responsible for the added four. Engravers were Hubert Woyty for the 1, 5 and 10S, and Friedrich Teubel the 3S. Printing was in sheets of 50 at the Austrian State Printing Works.

According to Edwin Mueller of New York City and the Austrian Postal Administration who supplied the news and pictures, the first two "bird" airmails were issued October 1950 in values of 60 groschen and 2S. A 20S was released in January 1952.

Mrs. Ward Alkema Called By Death

Members of the Society of Philatelic Americans and friends of SPA executive secretary Ward Alkema will learn with regret of the death of Mrs. Alkema on September 21. She had been ill for some time but her sudden passing at St. Johns Hospital, Grosse Pointe, Mich. was unexpected.

Mrs. Alkema had assisted her husband with the general business matter of the SPA executive office. She is survived by her husband Ward and a daughter Joan.

Aerophilatelists Will See Famed Collection

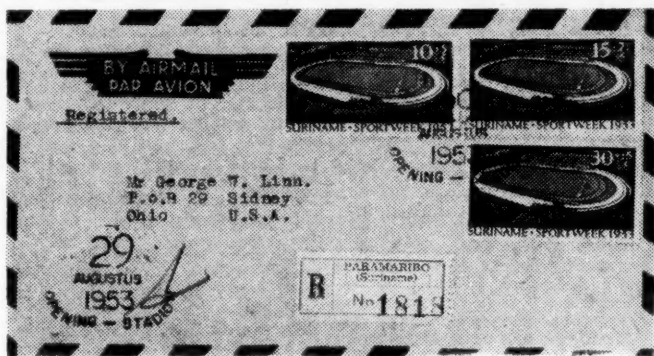
Outstanding rarities of the "Sir Lindsay Everard" collection of airmails will be shown on October 8 by Bernard Harner, at the Aero Philatelist Chapter 1 meeting.

Because of the extreme rarity of the material to be shown, Aero Philatelists extends an invitation to all interested collectors to attend this meeting which will begin at 8:15 p.m. at the Collectors Club, 22 E. 35th St., New York City.

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Trieste Overprints Two For Fair; Italian 'Workers' Set Used For Regular Postage

by Bert Happ
CHAPTER XIII

II International Fair of Trieste

In honor of the II International Fair of Trieste, the Allied Military Government, to comply with the request of the Trieste Philatelic Association, authorized the issuing of the 15 and 20 lire denominations of the ordinary series of Italy overprinted "II Fiera Trieste" "AMG-FTT 1950". A special cancellation was available during the whole fair. Because the Polygraphic at Rome was closed from August 24, the printing was done at Trieste.

The stylized halberd, symbol of Trieste, forms the lower stem of the 1st "T" of Trieste in the overprint. The halberd is a detail from the 14th century bronze seal of the Free Community of Trieste, the original of which is in the Trieste Civic Museum of History and Art.

This seal appears also on the Italian stamps of July 5, 1921, commemorating the Annexation of Trieste. It represents one of the gates of the city, with three stone towers over the gate, with the center one higher. Between each side tower and the center tower is a halberd with pennons. In the modern version the pennons have been removed.



Around the seal the inscription reads "SISTILANV-PUBLICA-CASTILIR - MARE - CERTOS - DAT - MICHI - FINES" and below the gate "TERGESTUM", which translated means: "Sistilian (a community), The Public Road (of Basovizza), Casteller (another community), (And) The Sea Give Me specific Frontiers Trieste".

14th Levant Bari Fair

Details of the Fair were given previously for the 1949 stamp. However the stamp has several recognizable items in the design which are real, or which have symbolism.



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WORKERS ISSUE

The Forge, Val'd'Aosta, (50c) — Val'd'Aosta, is a section of northwest Italy along the French-Swiss border in the Alps.

Castle of the Bard—In the middle of the valley is a rocky promontory on which Ottone di Bard constructed a castle at the end of the 9th century. A fort was built there near the end of the 15th century, and was occupied by the French in 1704.

In 1801, after the Italian army was surrounded by M. Abbard, while moving from Arnez to Donnay, the Castle of the Bard stood in the way of Napoleon I and held up his advance for eight days. The fort stood 1019 feet in the air and was garrisoned by 400 Austrians. Under the cover of night Napoleon brought up artillery to a road overlooking the fort and destroyed it. It was rebuilt in 1830 by Charles Felix and Charles Albert.

The Workshop - Piedmonte (1L) —Piedmonte, is the most western section of northern Italy, along the French border, south of Val d'Aosta. Turin is its principal city.

Sacra di San Michele—Near Turin on the summit of Monte Pirchirano, overlooking the town of Sant' Ambrogio, is the Sacra or Sagro di San Michele, founded in 999 as a penance by Hugo de Montbossier, on a spot where Bishop Amisone had already been directed to found an oratory, by fire which descended from heaven to mark the spot.

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Current During American Rule Of The Amami Oshima Islands Now Part Of Japan

Robert M. Spaulding, Jr.

When U. S. Secretary of State Dulles announced in Tokyo on August 8 that the United States would return Amami Oshima to Japan, few Americans had ever heard of these islands. But in Japan, the Dulles announcement produced banner headlines in every newspaper, vying for attention with the Soviet claim to have the hydrogen bomb. Representatives of the islands gave the American cabinet officer an enthusiastic ovation in Tokyo, and throughout Japan, the news was greeted with extraordinary rejoicing.

Amami Oshima is a small island some 35 miles long and 19 miles wide, lying between Japan and Okinawa (Fig. 1). In prewar days, its chief claim to outside attention was a species of short-eared black rabbit found only on Amami and the nearby island of Tokunoshima. The human population of the islands in the Amami group is now approximately 210,000. Until 1946, they were an integral part of Japan's Kagoshima Prefecture, which included the lower part of the southernmost of Japan's four principal islands, Kyushu, and several small islands to the south.

Although Amami Oshima was attacked from the air on several occasions during World War II, there were no Allied landings there until

habitants of the Ryukyu Islands proper. Their dissatisfaction with what they considered artificial separation from Japan had grown into a source of friction between the United States and Japan far out of proportion to the slight economic or military importance of the islands. The American decision to restore the group to Japan was therefore greeted enthusiastically both in the islands and in Japan proper.

Few philatelists in either America or Japan are aware that the seven and a half years of American occupation produced a considerable number of issues of postage stamps and postal stationery. These issues have escaped attention partly because surviving official records are so few, and partly be-



FIGURE 1. The location of Amami Oshima

seven months after the Japanese surrender. On February 2, 1946, General MacArthur issued an order transferring all Japanese islands south of the thirtieth parallel to the separate American military government for the Ryukyu Islands. An American naval unit from the command of Rear Admiral Price landed on Amami on March 13, 1946, and since that date, the Amami Oshima group has continued under the U.S. Ryukyu administration, although the Tokara Islands and others north of the twenty-ninth parallel were returned to Japan under the 1951 peace treaty.

The Amami islanders consider themselves more closely linked with Japan by historic, geographic, economic, and racial ties than the in-

cause they are regarded as "locals."

However, since Scott and other standard catalogues give full recognition to the stamps of Nepal, Tibet and other areas which have franking power only on local mail, the latter reason is of little merit. The full story of the Amami postal issues is an extremely intricate one, and many points remain in doubt or (Continued on page 8)

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Belgium Changes King's Portrait

Probably brought on by the adverse criticism of the royal portrait on the regular issue of some months ago, Belgium on September 10 released three values with a new picture of the King. They are 1.50, 2 and 4 francs. King Baudouin appears as he ordinarily does, with glasses; he had been shown without them on the previous definitives.

The rising agains. the Communist regime in eastern Berlin of recent date has not gone unrecognized philatelically by the western sector of the city. Whitfield King & Co., Ipswich, England advises that two stamps, a 20pf black and a 30pf red, were printed with symbolic designs. The former pictures two upraised arms with the chain holding them together severed, the other a light rising from beyond the Brandenburg Gate. Both stamps are inscribed "17 JUNI 1953".

Western Germany added a 20pf red to the new definitive series. It pictures the Olympic Stadium in Berlin. A special postmark was put into use there on the occasion of the English-German Athletic Meeting.

The same source says that Malay's states of Malacca and Penang will have a new series with the royal portrait changed. Also on order from there are postage dues in denominations and colors of 2c gray blue, 4c sepia and 12c magenta.

Famous pictures of children by famous artists will be used for the designs of the three semipostals Saar will issue soon. A 15fr plus 5fr has "Clarice Strozzi" by Titian; 18fr plus 7fr "The Artist's Children" by Rubens; and 30fr plus 10fr "A Small Son of the Artist" also by Rubens.

Whitfield King & Co. claims that South Africa will have additions to the definitive series in October. Denominations and colors are 4 1/2 purple-brown and yellow, a Merino lamb and landscape; 1/3 red-brown, Springbok and landscape; 1/6 red-orange and dark green, Aloe and landscape.

Turkey issued two stamps in denominations of 15 kurus brown and 20 kurus olive, September 2 to commemorate the 5th International Conference of the Credit Populaire Bank, which took place at Istanbul and Ankara on September 2 to 11. The lower denomination shows the Bank building and the higher the University of Ankara.

On the 15 kurus denomination are included the portraits of the President of Turkey, founder of the Bank in 1938, Mithat Pasa (1822-1884), founder of the Agricultural Bank, and Dr. Herman Schulze Delitsch (1808-1883), founder of the People's Bank in 1850. The portraits of the president and Mithat Pasa also appear on the 20 kurus denomination.

August Plate Number Report

During August the Bureau of Engraving and Printing had a busy month in the use of and the assignment of numbers to new plates for the printing of postage stamps according to a report released by the Post Office Department.

Numbers assigned to plates were:-

Presidential 3c regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 24837-8-9-40-41-42-43-44.

Presidential 7c regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 24845-6.

Presidential 6c regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 24847-8.

Sagamore Hill 3c commem, 200 subject plates, numbered 24849-50-51-52-53-54.

Presidential 3c coil stamp, 170 subject plates, numbered 24855-6.

Presidential 6c coil, 170 subject plates, numbered 24857-8.

Those sent to press for the first time in August are:-

Presidential 1c regular, 400, subject plates, numbered 24282, 24288.

Presidential \$2, 100 subject plate, frame, numbered 24480 (not printed).

Presidential \$2, 100 subject plate, vignette, numbered 24479 (not printed).

Future Farmers 3c commem, 200 subject plates, numbered 24825, 24828.

Bar Association 3c commem, 200 subject plates, numbered 24829-30-31-32-33-34.

Sagamore Hill 3c commem, 200 subject plates, numbered 24849-50.

Fourteen plates were cancelled from further use by Bureau officials in August. Each has made a sufficient number of printing impressions so that there should be no scarcity of any of them. These are:-

24131-2, Presidential 1c regular.

24492, 24597, 24667, 24668, 24814, Presidential 3c coil.

22024, 22025, Presidential 6c coil.

23379, 23373-4, Presidential 1 1/2c regular.

24304-5, Presidential 2c regular.

Defense Bond Prize For Cachet Design

American Airlines, which is to inaugurate non-stop airmail service coast to coast later this year, and the American Air Mail Society have jointly announced a contest for the best design for an appropriate cachet to be used on mail carried on the flight.

The airline will award a \$25 Defense Savings Bond to the creator of the design considered to be best among those submitted, regardless of whether such design is ultimately used for the cachet itself.

Contestants should observe these simple rules and regulations:

1. Contest closes October 31.

2. Designs should preferably symbolize speed or swiftness in flight; they may include bird, symbols or mythological figures, and of course, planes. If a plane is used it should approximate the size and lines of the new DC-7. Contestants are referred to the double-page advertisement in the September 12 issue of the Saturday Evening Post which shows an illustration of the DC-7 plane and gives further details of the flight. They are further advised, as a possible help in creating a suitable design, that the new non-stop flights will be known in American Airlines schedules as "Mercury" flights.

3. Each cachet must incorporate the words U. S. AIR MAIL and FIRST NON-STOP COAST TO COAST REGULAR SERVICE somewhere in the design.

4. All drawings must be made to such scale that they can be reduced to a size NOT GREATER than 2 x 2 inches.

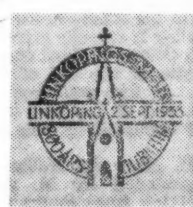
5. The decision of the Judges is final. Each drawing submitted becomes the property of American Airlines. The best design selected from those submitted will receive the Defense Bond offered, but there is no obligation to actually use the winning design selected.

6. Entries should be sent direct to L. B. Gatchell, 6 The Fairway, Upper Montclair, N. J., to reach him prior to midnight October 31.

Postmark Recalls Religious Event

Thorsten Ingeloff

In 1153, about 250 years after the introduction of Christianity to Scandinavia, Nicholas Spearhead, Cardinal-Bishop of St. Albans (England), later to become Pope Hadrianus IV, was sent to Norway and Sweden to organize national dioceses. It was hoped to break the supremacy of the Danish Episcopate at Lund and the North-German Episcopate at Hamburg, which had become inconvenient and restrictive to the domination of Rome.



In Norway the diocese of Nidaros was successfully established and just this year that nation issued a commemorative which pictured the Bishop of Nidaros.

In Sweden, the Cardinal was less successful. He was met at Linköping by the clergy and representatives of the king. The latter especially opposed the principal proposals of Rome. The royal greed for power limited the Swedish concessions and acknowledged only a certain papal supremacy by agreeing to pay the rather small "St. Peters Penny".

The 800 years anniversary has just been commemorated by an ecclesiastical meeting and a historical play at Linköping. The Postal Administration has contributed to the event with a pictorial postmark depicting the spire of the cathedral.

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Spain, Colonies Stamp Program

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Carlos Lenze, Barquillo 29, Madrid, Spain states that first day of issue depends to a great deal on how soon the nation's Casa de la Moneda can get the set into production. Additional details are to be released at a later date.

Mr. Lenze advises that stamps as follows are due from his country in the immediate future:-

An airmail of 25Pts. to commemorate the Postal Convention between Spain and the Philippines, and another of 50Pts. to honor a famous painter, Joaquin Sorolla (1863-1923).

A 1.25 Pts. marking the third centenary of the death of artist Jose de Ribera (1588-1652) who used the pseudonym of "Espanoleto."

Statesman and philosopher Juan Donoso Cortes (1809-1853) will have a 10c on the centenary of his death.

For Stamp Day, October 12, and at the same time noting the seventh centenary of the University of Salamanca, there will be denominations of 50c, 90c and 2 Pts.

Gonzalo Fernandez de Cordoba (1453-1515), the "Great Captain" will be the subject of a 1.10Pts. airmail.

Postal Tax stamps for financial assistance in the battle against TB will appear in values of 5 and 10c regular and 25c airmail.

Spain's colonies will also have attractive new sets for collectors, according to Mr. Lenze.

Colonial Stamp Day in Spanish Guinea, Ifni and Spanish Sahara will be recognized with a set of four in each. Designs will picture insects and fishes.

In preparation, but with the details unknown, is a definitive set by Ifni to consist of twelve stamps and having a face value of 15.52 Pesetas.

Spanish Guinea's definitives were released September 5 and consisted of denominations of 5c, 10c, 60c and 1 and 1.90Pts.

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Certain Envelope Sizes, Denominations Eliminated By Post Office Department

Thomas Doane Perry

When the rate for precanceled contract mail advanced, on July 1, 1952, from 1c to 1½c (except for non-profit organizations), and that of circular mail from 1½c to 2c, it became evident that there would be little, if any practical use for 1c and 1½c stamped envelopes which were not precanceled. The law still permits the private precanceling of stamped envelopes, but with higher private printing costs, such precancels would be very unlikely to occur. Still the unprecanceled 1c and 1½c envelopes remained on the schedule, and were occasionally ordered, mostly by philatelists.

Still further, there had been no increase in the cost of stamped envelopes to private individuals, since the official schedule of February 1, 1949, which undoubtedly reflected the costs of the 1949-52 contract.

Quite suddenly, although not entirely unexpectedly, a new schedule appeared, to take effect September 12, 1953, which made a number of distinct changes and substantially reduced the assortment of envelopes offered to the public. This new schedule appears to have four major objectives, viz.:-

1. Sizes and types for which there is little demand are eliminated.

2. All unprecanceled 1c and 1½c envelopes are discontinued.

3. Extra quality envelopes are removed from retail window sales and standard quality paper substituted.

4. Increases of costs all along the line, to bring the sales prices up to the level, approximately, of the present production contract.

Under the first heading all size 6 and all size 9 envelopes are discontinued, also all extra quality envelopes in size 7. In standard quality size 7 envelopes are only available with windows. All size 5 envelopes, in either quality, can only be bought in 500 lots or multiples thereof.

The 1c and 1½c precanceled envelopes are only obtainable with solid fronts, sizes 5, 8 and 13, all window types having been eliminated.

There are some interesting speculations involved in establishing standard quality envelopes for retail sales. It has been the plan of the P. O. D. for many years to have two sources of supply for envelope paper, to guard against an emergency if one supplier were crippled by disaster.

Under the 1949 schedule, with extra quality envelopes sold at retail, the paper requirements were divided about evenly between the two qualities, the standard grades being supplied by the Niagara Mill of the International Paper Corporation, which owns the International Envelope Corporation and the extra quality grades by the Aetna Paper Company of Middletown, Ohio.

With this change it looks as though the International Paper Corporation would get the lion's share of the paper business.

The prices of envelopes are raised substantially, an example being the size 8, without return request or window, which is advanced from \$5.28 to \$6.54 per thousand envelopes, disregarding the stamp values.

The greatest increase is for printing the return request corner

somewhat wistfully, whether it will gradually push stamped envelopes into the present limbo of the horse and buggy!



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NEW ZEALAND. A commemorative set of two stamps will be released December 9 to mark the visit of Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh. The values will be 3 pence and 4 pence and are to be prepared by Waterlow & Sons, who will use a new line engraved process.

ANTIGUA. The 10/- and 20/- stamps No. 96-97 are in demand and getting scarce. Most of the high values of other British Empire stamps have advanced in price and when the Antigua stamps are superceded, a substantial advance can be expected.

CORONATIONS. The Elizabeth coronation stamps continue in demand and are getting scarce in complete sets. Some of the stamps of the Dominions are obsolete and there does not seem to be any large surplus stocks. Prices have advanced and should go higher, unless some undisclosed supply becomes available. Get your set now while still available at or near new issue prices.

CANADA. On November 2 a new 50c postage stamp will be released which will portray the "Textile Industry". Two plates will be used

Nos 1 & 2. This stamp will replace the current 50c "Oil Industry" stamp issued in 1950.

AUSTRALIA. On September 23, Australia released three stamps to commemorate the Sesqui-Centenary of settlement in Tasmania. There will be a double size 2 shilling stamp and two 3½ pence stamps, one of which will portray Lt. Gov. D. Collins and the other Lt. Gov. W. Paterson. These two stamps will be issued as pairs on the same sheet. The three stamps will be on sale for approximately one month only.

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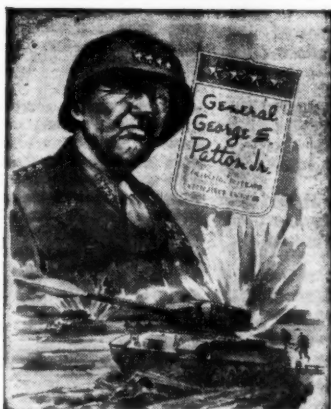
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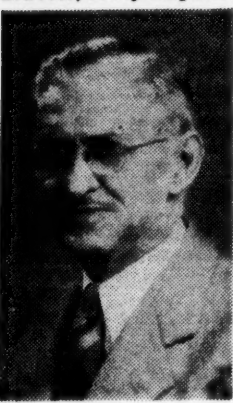
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A Letter From Ben Reeves

It seemed like a foregone conclusion that we would get some letters from S.P.A. Officials or members regarding our editorial in which we complained of the poor facilities for the Tampa Convention. We were however, really surprised that the response has been so small. One or two letters from members who seemed pleased with the accommodations and about the same number who were displeased and finally a letter from Mr. Ben Reeves, President of the S.P.A. Mr. Reeves requests that we print his letter and since it is from the top of the Society we are glad to give it space in this issue. The letter is in the adjoining column and you can read it in full. It will be noted that Mr. Reeves, in his third paragraph fully confirms what we said, that the facilities for the convention were very poor and in our judgment, that made the convention a flop or in other words far from being a pleasant affair like it should have been for those who traveled hundreds of miles to attend.



GEORGE W. LINN

We made no reference to the sightseeing tours that were provided. Perhaps they were very interesting to those who took them but never yet have I ever attended a stamp convention and taken a sightseeing tour. I go to stamp meets to meet stamp people, to visit the bourse and hunt for stamps I want and to view the exhibit and see what the other fellow is doing. Then, when evening comes, I like to get with a crowd of stamp men and chew the fat, renew old friendships, explore new ones made by correspondence over the past year, meet the dealer I have been buying from and all that. If I want a sightseeing vacation I can take that any time, but stamp conventions are only once a year.

Then from a practical standpoint, why charge bourse table holders a good price for their tables and then try to take prospective buyers away from the tables with sightseeing trips. Better give the bourse ample room and space rather than crowd it up so that it is inconvenient to visit the tables. The bourse is the point of most interest at any of these shows. If you doubt that just carefully watch the number of people who visit the bourse tables in comparison with those who visit any other activity or exhibit of the convention.

I may be all wet, but I believe the real stamp man wants what I have suggested more than he wants to go sightseeing which as I have said, can be done any time and then to cap the whole thing off we want comfortable hotel accommodations where one can get a good sleep even if they do stay up half the night before trying to get some sleep.

We are glad to print the letter from Mr. Reeves. We believe he feels somewhat as we do over the whole matter and that perhaps our severe condemnation of the Tampa event will do more than anything else to make it certain that it will not happen again.

To cap the climax, we have information from sources in Florida that a substantial profit was made on the convention. We can not mention any figures but believe it to be the duty of the S.P.A. that this matter be looked into and that an accounting be made by the branch to the parent organization. If rumors are founded, appropriate action can be taken, but if rumors merely prove to be rumors, then the local club should be cleared of such rumors and gossip.

Twenty-fifth Anniversary

It has just occurred to us that the first issue of this paper for November, which will be November 2, will be the beginning of our 26th year of publication. We will have finished our 25th full year with the issue of October 26th.

Looking back 25 years we find that the first number of this paper was published on Saturday, November 5, 1928. The publication date is now on a Monday, so we can only say that the first issue in November will start our 26th year.

We have not planned any Silver Jubilee Edition with a consequent solicitation of large advertising copy from the dealers who have been so liberal in supporting us in the past. We do not feel that such an issue is necessary for us to properly celebrate this occasion. Rather, we are going to continue to try to give to these dealers who have been

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so good in giving us their support, a continuing effort to make this paper so interesting to the reader that they will keep right on growing in number and continuing to support the dealers who have been so liberal in supporting us. You see it is a sort of triangle affair.

We receive subscriptions from the collector which helps us print a good paper and which helps us get such a big circulation that no sensible dealer can afford to overlook us and as a result the dealer advertises with us and provides the collector with his wants and provides us with added funds to help make a better paper for the collector, just sort of a regular circle of interest and activity.

That all of this is true is evidenced by the fact that usually the circulation of a stamp publication falls off over the summer months. That has usually been the situation with us believe it or not, over the past summer we have steadily gained in circulation until today we claim over 38,000 circulation weekly, for the first time. Be it known to all stamp people that this is believed to be the largest circulation any stamp collectors' publication has ever attained. We have been shooting for 50,000 for some time now but do not see attainment of that number too soon. It is possible, but we cannot predict just when it will be reached. However, if all readers whose subscription will expire in the coming 12 months would renew for two years at \$2.00, regular price, then each person would be permitted to send the name of a friend who is not now a subscriber and these names added to our list in the coming 12 months would run our circulation beyond the 50,000 mark. It is just that easy and simple. We would love to see you do it and let us reach this goal which has been our ambition for the past 20 years or more.

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September 13, 1953

Mr. George W. Linn, Editor
Linn's Weekly Stamp News
Sidney, Ohio

Dear George

With reference to your Editorial "S.P.A. CONVENTION A FLOP" in the issue of September 7th, we feel that you have not been fair in the use of the word "FLOP" when considering the Convention in its entirety.

We do not wish to take issue with you since it is your privilege to report things as you see them.

There is no question but that the selection of the Hotel in this case was poor judgment. The facilities were inadequate for a Stamp Convention. The arrangements were unsatisfactory with the Exhibition and Bourse on the Seventh floor, and the Registration Desk, Post Office, Cachet Sales, etc., in the Hotel Lobby.

As to air conditioning, we had been given assurance that it would be installed before the Convention. If you will check the publicity, which you were kind enough to give space to in your publication, nothing was said about air conditioning.

We cannot agree however that the HOTEL is the most important consideration. Few cities have Hotels like the Shamrock, which you used as a comparison.

It must be understood that arrangements for the Convention are made by the local Committee and NOT by the Society. Our Society is no different than most of the others in this respect.

We are inclined to agree with you that the Officers of the Society should insist on examining the plans of the local host Club and approve them before letting them proceed with Convention arrangements.

You did not participate in any of the tours provided for the visitors. Those who did enjoyed themselves and many have written that from the standpoint of outside away from the hotel entertainment arranged it was one of the best conventions of any they have attended in recent years.

The six-hour tour, filling three Trailway coaches, to the Beaches on Friday afternoon was enjoyed by all of the 100 persons who made the trip. This is also true of the Thursday tour of the City of Tampa and the pre-convention par-

ty Wednesday evening with the St. Petersburg Stamp Club as Host, and the Sunday afternoon trip to Weeki Wachee Springs.

It is not always possible to provide attractions that will off-set some of the unsatisfactory elements. We believe that those who took part in the tours and away from the Hotel entertainment were compensated to the extent that they overlooked the disagreeable items mentioned in your Editorial.

In addition there were many who viewed the Exhibition who did not stay overnight, or as you stated, stayed elsewhere. These people enjoyed themselves and would not agree the convention was a FLOP.

We repeat, we object to the title given your editorial. It is unfair to the S. P. A., to blame the Society when the arrangements and the selection of the Hotel were handled by the local Committee.

Sincerely yours,

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This, of course, is not true. There is no question that the removal of most the extra paper containing the number would be desirable since it serves no purpose, but since things aren't done that way in the realm of plate blocking, he'd just be reducing the value of his material.

It is the same thing whereby removing the gum from mint stamps would be a beneficial practice, but since this isn't done generally, only loss in value to the stamps would result.

There are certain traditional practices in the hobby which must be observed until a majority of collectors agree to and are willing to make a change. Bucking the tradition can only result in personal loss.

times catalog valuation. The legitimate auction houses are worthy and necessary adjuncts to our hobby. They have added stability and growth and they deserve the patronage of philatelists. The sooner the other type element is eliminated the better.

For the auction firms it might be stated that there are always some bidders who are trying to "steal" material, that is, get it at what might be considered a ridiculously low price. The auction manager doesn't even bother to record these, consigning them to the wastebasket.

Now and again it is possible in a legitimate auction to buy something at a small fraction of catalog and I think this is good all around. It keeps the customer coming back and his word of mouth advertising of the big bargain he got in so-and-so's auction induces others to investigate future sales.

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Joseph Sparacio sent an item from his home town newspaper, the Passaic, N.J. Herald-News, of September 15. Readers who have substantial collections might get their eyes opened.

I'd like to have the lawyers among our readers give me their opinions on the matter after reading the following. It would help if they could cite similar cases which have been decided within their own states — legal interpretations varying as they do. If enough of them cooperate, I'll print their thoughts as well as any decisions which courts have rendered in like instances. Here's the item:

A \$54,000 stamp collection owned by the late Bernard R. Armour, Garfield industrialist, is part of the residue of his estate and not to be considered among household furnishings or personal effects, Superior Court Judge John Grimshaw, Jr., ruled.

Executors of the estimated \$22,000,000 Armour estate asked for court construction of the will to determine what to do with the collection. Armour was president of the Heyden Chemical Company.

A daughter, Miss Ruth Armour, claimed it was hers under a provision of the will which bequeathed to her all "paintings, pictures, marbles, statuary, objects of art, household furniture and fixtures, useful and ornamental."

George L. Armour, a brother, claimed it was his under another paragraph leaving him "all my jewelry and personal effects."

The claim that the collection was part of the residuary estate was made by the guardian of the three Armour daughters, Ruth, Rachel and Toby, who are beneficiaries of a trust fund.

"I consider the claim of Ruth Armour to be without merit," said the judge, adding the description of the personal property does not fit the stamp collection.

As for the claim of Armour's brother, Judge Grimshaw said "personal effects" are taken to mean "such tangible property as is worn or carried about the person."

Since the stamp collection did not pass to either the daughter or the brother, the judge declared, "it must be considered a part of the residuary estate."

I might be wrong, but from the nature of the decision it's a good bet that Judge Grimshaw is not a stamp collector. About the only thing more personal than a stamp collection in my book, would be a corset. This ought to be especially true in a family where the individual is the only collector.

The collection was built, or most always is built, from personal spending money which wasn't spent on some other pleasure — the enjoyment of buying and mounting the material was strictly a personal thing — and certainly many collections aren't specifically built as resources of an estate.

If there are any doubts at all on the latter, a fair judge would have to believe that the personal spending money used to build the collection was for the purchase of pleasure and that any resultant real value was incidental. Unless the contrary, you'd have to assume that the individual was not trying to build an estate but was involved in a very personal thing.

Okay, barristers. Rueth's neck is out — let's see yours.

1. The Mt. Rushmore of 1952.
 2. The Vermont 150th anniversary of statehood issue of 1941.

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The auction which had been scheduled for October 1 and 2 by the Penny Black Stamp Co., 116 Nassau St., New York 38, N. Y. has been moved back two weeks to the 15th and 16th. This is a sale which will attract collectors concerned with Palestine, Forerunners and Israel proper for the sale is exclusively in that category. Many scarce items are offered.

The 2nd 1953 edition of "Juliard's Classics of Quality Catalog" is now available at 10c from Alex S. Juliard, Green Acres, Narberth, Pa. Listed in its pages are the "hard to get" stamps of the 19th and 20th centuries of U. S., British Commonwealth, Europe and Latin America. All items are certified as genuine and are guaranteed as such.

Joseph V. Bush, manager of Consumers' Service, 143 Garrett St., Chula Vista, Calif., specialists in AMG philatelic material exclusively offers two releases to the readers of Linn's on request. One is an AMG watermark check list which also gives the quantities issued and the first days of issue of AMG stamps, and his AMG News No. 5 September edition.

Collectors who follow the new issues from all parts of the world will find that the House of Philately, P. O. Box 133, New York 24, N. Y. can supply practically all of them shortly after issuance. Incidentally in the September 14 ad a listing should have read Austria Labor Union for 9c (not Australia). The firm's ad can be found weekly on page 5.

A British firm which has specialized exclusively in the stamps of the United States is the Westminster Stamp Co., Ltd., 1-4 Warwick St., London W. 1, England. Available is a price list of mint and used U. S. from the 1847's on. Westminster claims notable savings for its customers because of its location. When writing for the list or stamps mention Linn's.

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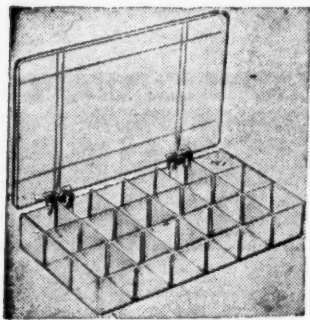
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Roosevelt Exhibition, 'Gedunk' October 24-25

The annual exhibition of the Roosevelt Philatelic Society of Chicago will be held October 24 and 25 at the Englewood Masonic Hall at 6735 Yale Ave. There is no charge for admission and the Saturday night "Gedunk" will highlight the activities of the show during the awarding of the various trophies.

The past-presidents of the society have donated the Grand Award. In addition there will be first, second and third awards and a special plaque for the best exhibit by a member who has not won distinction in previous shows.

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Scandinavian Group Meets October 5

The Philadelphia chapter of the Scandinavian Collectors Club of New York will hold its next meeting October 5 at the National Philatelic Museum. It is opened to all interested persons.

Feature of the session will be a talk by William Foulk and a showing of his collection of Norwegian Sea Post issues and some Norway No. 1's.

Cacheted Cover For Colorado Celebration

As part of the 75th Jubilee Celebration to be held on October 17, 1953, the Alamosa Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with local stamp collectors, announces the issuing of a special envelope, cacheted with an appropriate line drawing showing scenes of the famous San Luis Valley and franked with the Colorado commemorative.

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Burleigh Jacobs New APS President

Burleigh E. Jacobs of Milwaukee, Wis., unopposed for the office, was elected president of the American Philatelic Society at the group's late September convention at Houston, Texas. He succeeds Wilbur Cannon, an Iowan.

Successfully elected to the board of vice presidents were the three midwesterners of the Quad-City Iowa-Illinois area who were opposed by a slate of Californians. The new vice presidents are Charles C. Cratsenberg, Guy W. Ade and Frank L. Patterson.

Earl P. Apfelbaum of Philadelphia defeated Don R. Heath of Detroit for the secretary post. Adolph Steeg, Buffalo, unopposed, remains the treasurer. Lt. Col. James T. DeVoss of Alexandria, Va. remains as international secretary having defeated Fred N. Billingsley of New Orleans.

L. D. Shoemaker of Lakewood, Ohio and Henry Chaloner, Berkeley, Calif. are the elected directors-at-large.

Set Of Four For Somaliland Fair

On September 28, Somaliland, now under Italian administration by United Nations mandate, issued a set of four stamps to publicize the second Somaliland Fair.

Two are for regular postage, 1.20 and 1.50 Somali Lire; two for airmail in values of 25 and 60c. The design common to the former pictures a worker in the entrance arch to the Fair; and for the latter, a palm tree, the entrance arch and a plane.

According to Vittorio Lo Bianco of New York City the stamps are to be printed in bi-color by the Swiss firm of Courvoisier.

Reeves To Speak At Dayton Exhibition

This year's 27th annual exhibition and bourse of the Dayton, Ohio Philatelic Society will be highlighted with a regional meeting of the Society of Philatelic Americans at which president Ben Reeves will preside.

October 31 and November 1 are the dates and the ballroom of the Miami Hotel the site of the display and bourse.

SPA proxy Reeves will also be the principal speaker at the banquet Saturday evening which affair is open to all interested persons.

Several classifications are open to exhibitors which will be confined to members of the local group and other Miami Valley clubs. A sizeable number of trophies and awards are to be offered plus an SPA Research award.

General chairman is Carl Soendlin, 1407 Viola Ave., Dayton, Ohio. He will be pleased to answer inquiries.

Articles Wanted By Women Authors

Women stamp collectors are urgently requested to write up their stamp interests and send the articles to Mrs. Conway Zirkle, 2307 Secane Rd., Secane, Pa. before November 1. Mrs. Zirkle is to be guest editor of the National Philatelic Museum Book, "Women in Philately."

This will be issued in connection with a show for women stamp collectors at the Museum in Philadelphia, December 11 to January 9. There will be space for several articles and it is hoped that much material will be sent in so that a collection of outstanding philatelic information will appear in the "Women in Philately" Museum Book.

New York City Meet For Topicalists

The New York City chapter of the American Topical Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. October 9 at the Railroad Y.M.C.A., on 47th St., between Second and Third Aves.

Featured guest for the evening will be Stephen G. Rich, noted philatelic writer. Mr. Rich will show a selection from his topical collections.

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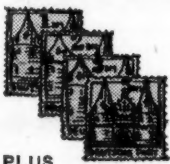
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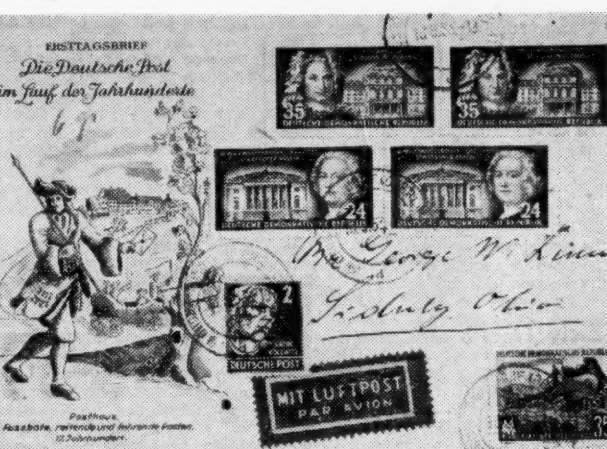
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First Edition Of New Quarterly

July 19 saw the debut of "The Aero Philatelist Annals", a quarterly magazine published by Aero Philatelists, Inc., and edited by Henry M. Goodkind. This first issue of 40 pages contained 8 articles with 28 illustrations of airmail stamps, covers, and cancellations. Three feature articles are respectively:

The finding of a second 1877 Buffalo Balloon cover, considered the United States' rarest aerophilatelic item.

An exhaustive study of the little known Honduras 1931 official airmail issue by Irving I. Green.

A review of the circumstances surrounding the issuance and use of the colorful Spanish airmail sets issued from 1926 to 1936.

A new regular feature "The Aero Philatelic Showcase" is inaugurated and illustrates and describes several interesting items not usually catalogued of which one is the recently discovered double overprint of one of Iceland's Zeppelin stamps.

A limited number of copies of this July issue are available for distribution at \$1.25 each from Aero Philatelists, Inc., 1860 Broadway, New York 23, N. Y.

Has Revenue Stamps For Interested Persons

The American Revenue Association is offering a packet of revenue stamps to all readers interested in revenue stamps of any kind, provided a stamped return envelope is furnished. This offer is being made in order to determine how many collectors are interested in this specialty. It is requested that all who write in list their interests, whether U. S. State, or Foreign revenues.

The stamps have been contributed to the ARA by Elbert S. A. Hubbard, ARA founder, who is distributing the stamps from 4526 Katherine Ave., Sherman Oaks, Calif. Mr. Hubbard collects and catalogs State Revenues. The cataloging of these stamps is a tremendous task and requires every bit of help possible from all who can give it. The states themselves are uncooperative, according to Mr. Hubbard, so it is exceedingly difficult to determine just what stamps have been issued and in what year.

Need Cooperation Of Mexican Specialists

Mexican specialists in the United States are asked to assist the Mexican philatelic group that is preparing a new catalogue of that country. Those collectors, having Mexican varieties not listed in any catalogue are requested to forward details to Ralph E. Ogden, Calle Tetela #20, Cuernavaca, Mexico, so that all known varieties can be listed in the new catalogue.

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The next four editions of a special nature are as follows:—
 October 26—National Highway Post Office Society.
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 December 28—American Revenue Association.
 January 25—AMERPO

Further inquiries can be directed to this paper by interested dealers.

Clubs or societies agreeable to sponsoring a special edition can get the details on request.

Music On Stamps List Has Additions

The collecting of "Music on Stamps" is among the most popular forms of topical philately. Much of this popularity undoubtedly lies in the wide choice of subjects within this major topic. The collector can concentrate on musicians, musical scores, musical scenes, instruments, etc., or he can combine all of them into a more complete collection.

The current issue of "Topical Time", the official journal of the American Topical Association, features another lengthy addition to the "Music on Stamps Check-List". Collectors will find this series a must in aiding them to complete and to write-up their musical albums. This group's study unit on Music on Stamps is preparing numerous articles and additional check-lists for early publication.

New members can usually secure back issues featuring articles of interest to their collecting at nominal prices. In addition to the Music on Stamps check-list, the September-October issue features check-lists of Women, Ships, Chess, Chickens, United Nations, Liberal Arts, Scholars and Educators on stamps.

Complete information on the journal and on membership is available from F. N. Catt, 4541 N. Sheridan Rd., Chicago 40, Ill. A stamped, addressed return envelope will be appreciated.

Chicago Collector Robbed Of Commems

A large quantity of United States commemoratives in singles, and blocks, mint, were stolen from the home of Felix Marquardt, 3638 Shakespeare Ave., Chicago 47, Ill. on September 16. Any dealer or collector being offered any sizeable lots of this material are asked to check with Mr. Marquardt.

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The suggestions regarding National Stamp Collecting Week will be distributed—without cost—to local clubs, schools and other interested groups asking for them. This information—a "suggestion kit"—outlines ways of carrying out programs. It covers such subjects as exhibits, window displays, discussion topics, speeches (a sample one will be included), cooperation with civic groups, newspaper and radio publicity.

Address inquiries to Peter G. Keller at 65 Nassau St., New York 38, N. Y. Each request should mention name of club officer or school official, with title and address of club or school. It is urged that applications be made at once.

Available also is an A.S.D.A. pamphlet titled "How to Organize a Stamp Club". Send requests to Mr. Keller. This pamphlet covers: constitution, membership application form, form for soliciting members, news release and meetings.

New Moroccan Postal Chief House Cleans

With the advent of a new chief of the Spanish Morocco Postal Administration one thorn of long standing as far as stamp collectors and dealers are concerned will be removed by official decree.

No longer will it be necessary to make reservations for quantities of the new issues, which for the most part, have been held in stock for stamp collectors.

Designs will come from public competitions in order to depart from the somewhat hackneyed art of recent years. According to Carlos Lenze of Madrid, Spain there are other benefits soon to follow for collectors.



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controversy despite the assiduous
 research of several able Japanese
 philatelists. The principal facts,
 however, are as described below.

The administrative transfer of
 February-March 1946 resulted in
 temporary but almost complete
 severance of contact between
 Amami islanders and Japan proper.
 Occasional ships touched at
 Naze, capital of Amami Oshima,
 and carried mail to or from Japan
 on an unofficial and highly irregu-
 lar basis, but in general, the fifty-
 nine post offices in the island group
 handled little except local mail.

Both the post offices and the
 public still had small quantities
 of Japanese stamps and post cards,
 and these were used for local mail
 without overprint or other altera-
 tion. Postal service to Japan was
 formally reopened on August 23,
 1946, but Japanese stamps were
 prohibited for use on such mail.
 Instead, letters were handstamped
 with a circular marking contain-
 ing the post office name and the
 words "Postage Paid" in Japanese.

On October 3, 1946, a "Provi-
 sional Government of the Northern
 Ryukyu Islands" (LITERALLY, "of
 the Northern Part of the Various
 Southwestern Islands") was estab-
 lished as a regional civil govern-
 ment subordinate to the overall
 U.S. administration of the Ryukyu
 Islands. With headquarters at
 Naze, this government was staffed
 by native officials, under Ameri-
 can supervision, and had responsi-
 bility for Amami and neighboring
 islands.

In November and December,
 postage rates for both foreign and
 domestic mail were raised, and the
 provisional government found it
 necessary to issue several varieties
 of postcards and lettersheets. These
 were printed on thin white paper in
 Naze, and are extremely crude in
 appearance. To guard against coun-
 terfeits, each post office was in-
 structed to strike the "Postage
 Paid" handstamp over the value
 tablet on each card or letter-sheet
 prior to sale, and to treat stationery
 without this validating handstamp
 as postage due.

On May 15, 1947, foreign mail
 service was reopened to all coun-
 tries except Germany. As in the
 case of mail to Japan, "Postage
 Paid" handstamps were used in-
 stead of postage stamps. In June,
 the prewar handstamps with in-
 scriptions in Japanese only were
 replaced by new, locally-manufac-
 tured handstamps containing the
 office name and "Postage Paid"
 in French as well as in Japanese.
 All foreign mail was routed through
 Naha, capital of Okinawa and head-
 quarters of the overall Ryukyu ad-
 ministration. In the case of mail
 to Japan, this caused considerable
 delay.

During 1946 and 1947, Amami
 islanders who had been in Japan
 proper when the war ended were
 repatriated to the island, and
 brought with them considerable
 quantities of Japanese postage
 stamps. Since these could not be
 distinguished from stocks already
 in the islands the Amami Oshima
 administration soon realized that
 the use of these stamps on local
 mail was causing it to lose consid-
 erable revenue.



FIG. 2. The "KEN" overprint.

To halt this practice, all Japanese
 stamps and post cards in the post
 offices and in private hands were
 called in and handstamped with an
 oval marking (Fig. 2) containing
 the Japanese character "KEN"
 (an abbreviation of the word kensa
 meaning "examined"). These over-
 printed stamps and cards were first
 issued on December 1, 1947, for use
 on domestic mail. The obvious cor-
 ollary action of prohibiting use of
 Japanese stamps without this
 "KEN" overprint was, however,
 not taken until February 1, 1948.

On July 1, 1948, the first all-
 Ryukyu definitive issues (Scott's
 Ryukyu Islands No. 1-7) were placed
 on sale in the post offices of
 Amami Oshima. The sale of
 "KEN" overprinted Japanese
 stamps was discontinued, and re-
 mainders were burned on July 20,
 although the public was permitted
 to continue using them on domestic
 mail until previously sold stocks
 were exhausted.

Even after the issuance of the
 all-Ryukyu definitive stamps and
 postal stationery, however, the
 Amami administration found it ne-
 cessary to issue several additional
 varieties of provisional post cards.

There are five types of the
 "KEN" overprint, and these exist
 in four colors—black, purple,
 blue, and vermilion—as well as
 in various shades of each. At least
 33 different basic Japanese stamps
 were so overprinted including
 Scott's Japan No. 257-260, 264-265,

268-270, 272, 274, 325, 329-342, 351-
 353, and 355-358.

(It should be noted that three of
 these—No. 356-358—were issued
 in Japan after the transfer of
 Amami to Ryukyu administration;
 copies of these and some of the
 other later issues were undoubtedly
 brought into Amami by repatriates
 from Japan proper.)

One Japanese specialist has listed
 a total of 60 major varieties of
 "KEN" overprinted stamps, and if
 minor varieties and still-contro-
 versial varieties are included, the
 number is close to 90. Several
 varieties of Japanese post cards
 were similarly overprinted. The 2
 sen red, 3 sen brown, and 5 sen
 blue in the oval Kusunoki design
 are definitely established, and there
 are reports that the 15 and 50 sen
 postwar Japanese cards (and dou-
 ble cards with paid reply) were
 also so overprinted. The size of the
 "KEN" overprint is approximately
 8 by 11 millimeters, with the vari-
 ous types differing one or a half
 millimeter either way.

There are five major varieties of
 the provisional, locally-printed post-
 cards, and two letter-sheets. Nearly
 all of these have numerous minor
 varieties. The design in each
 case is extremely simple, consist-
 ing of the denomination (expressed
 in Arabic numerals) within a dotted
 or wavy frame somewhat small-
 er than a postage stamp. At the
 top is an inscription in Japanese
 (or, in one instance, English) mean-
 ing either "Post Card" or "Letter
 Sheet."

All of the post cards except the
 first and last issues have another
 Japanese inscription at the bottom,
 meaning "Provisional Government
 of the Northern Ryukyu Islands".
 All printing is in black, but the
 validating "Postage Paid" hand-
 stamp is found in red and possibly
 other colors as well as in black.

Following is a list of the seven
 major varieties of stationery:

Issued November 10, 1946, for
 mail to Japan:

50 sen post card, design at upper
 right.

1 yen letter sheet, design at up-
 per right, inscriptions in English.

Issued December 10, 1946, for lo-
 cal mail:

15 sen postcard, design at upper
 left. Four principal types exist.

30 sen letter sheet, design at up-
 per right.

Sometime later, probably early
 in 1947, the first overprint appear-
 ed:

50 sen overprint (numerous vari-
 eties) on 15 sen post card.

April, 1947, for mail to Japan:

30 sen post card, design at upper
 left. This was an error, since the
 correct rate was 50 sen; most cop-
 ies were overprinted 50 sen (num-
 erous varieties).

April 1949; for foreign mail (in-
 cluding Japan):

50 sen post card, design at up-
 per left. Two principal types.

POST CARD



FIG. 3. The "POST CARD" letter sheet.

The makeshift quality of all these
 issues is typified by the English
 inscription on the 1 yen letter sheet
 (Fig. 3). By error, "Post Card"
 was used instead of the correct
 "Letter Sheet", and the mixture of
 type face produced an inscription
 reading "POST CARD" with a small
 T in "post" and a capital Y instead
 of R in "card."

Postage rates from 1946 through
 1949 were as shown below:

Though prepared by native of-
 ficials, the "KEN" overprinted
 stamps and the provisional post
 cards and letter sheets were is-
 sued by express authority of the
 American officer in charge, and
 thus constitute United States oc-
 cupation issues. They are not com-
 parable to the stamps issued in
 Japan itself during the Allied oc-
 cupation, because the latter were
 issued by an established govern-
 ment whose sovereignty was recog-
 nized by the occupation authorities.
 The stamps and stationery of Am-

ami Oshima and other island
 groups, however, were issued under
 specific military orders.

All of these provisional issues
 were produced in small quantities,
 and appear to have been quickly
 used up. Genuine covers are ex-
 tremely rare, and even mint copies
 of some varieties are quite scarce.
 The postal stationery is somewhat
 less elusive than the "KEN"
 stamps.

In closing, it should be noted
 that the Amami Oshima issues
 were produced to fill a very defi-
 nite postal requirement. The popu-
 lation of this island group exceeds
 that of at least thirty-nine stamp-
 issuing British colonies, and is in
 fact greater than the combined popu-
 lation of nineteen of these colonies.
 Not to mention the vast-pocket
 states of Europe whose stamp
 presses spew forth new issues end-
 lessly.

The Amami issues were, in gen-
 eral, used only to addresses within
 the Ryukyu Islands or to Japan,
 but their postal and philatelic respec-
 tability is considerably more
 secure than that of the issues of
 many more adroitly publicized
 areas.

This fact, in conjunction with
 their status as American occupa-
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 que interest to American philate-
 lists.



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 others we note are evidently being
 consolidated. — Chicago is now us-
 ing a U-17 type. This seems to be
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 when furnishing electros. — What
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The design will be printed through a combination of engraved plate and lithography. Five basic colors are to be used, and three additional will be created with the overlapping of the basic.

Besides the presidents the flags of the Philippines and of Indonesia will be shown in their true colors. Also seen are the words "Mabuhay" beneath Quirino, signifying welcome and good will, and "Merdeka" beneath Sukarno of like meaning.

Both denominations are to be printed in sheets of 50, five million of the 5c, and tw. of the 6c.

First day covers will be serviced by the Stamp & Philatelic Division, Bureau of Posts, Manila, Philippines. A cachet has been prepared for those who want it. Envelopes are sold at a nominal figure by the philatelic section, or the sender can supply his own. The stamps are also sold at face plus return postage.

The exchange rate is two Pesos to one dollar, or two centavos to one cent.

Brazil Honors Journalist Congress

Newspapermen were given philatelic recognition by Brazil when on September 8 a 60c purple commemorative was released for the Fifth National Congress of Journalists. Site of the meet was Curitiba, capital of the State of Parana.



The design pictures a map of Brazil with Curitiba located thereon, a quill pen and a lofty pine tree. According to Manoel F. da Motta of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil the tree is symbolical of the forest wealth of Parana.

Add Two Values To Danish Definitives

Additional denominations in the King Frederick IX design (Scott type A61) definitive series will be made on October 15 according to the Danish Postal Administration.

The stamps will be new values entirely, a 65 ore pearl gray, and a 95 ore red orange.

Orders for the new stamps at face plus return postage, and the servicing of first day covers will be done by the Postvaesenets Salgskontor for Frimaerkesamlere, Bernstorffsgade 32, Copenhagen 5, Denmark. Fully addressed envelopes containing a stuffer and the proper payment, certified check or money order, must be in the hands of the Philatelic Agency named above by no later than October 10.

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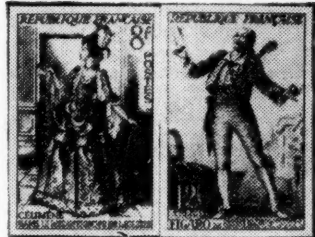
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Fictional Characters On French Stamps

Two additional well known fictional characters have appeared on French stamps issued on September 21 according to Gimbel's Stamp Department of New York City. They are Celimene of Moliere's "Dans le Misanthrope", and



Figaro central figure of "The Barber of Seville" and "The Marriage of Figaro" both works of Pierre Augustin Caron who wrote under the pen name of Beaumarchais.

The former is an 8fr blue designed by Cami and engraved by Cottet; the latter a 12fr green and lilac designed by Spitz and engraved by Cheffer.

Supplement Ready For "Master Global"

Minkus Publications, Inc., publishers of the Master Global Album and other albums and philatelic books, announces that the 1953 supplement for the Master Global is now available. This supplement, the second in the series, consists of 224 pages and provides spaces for 4,700 stamps. There are over 3,000 illustrations, and a new title page and index are included.

Release date for the supplement is in accordance with the publisher's promise to see that it is always available in September. The Global supplement retails at \$2.50 (shipping charges extra) and may be purchased at Gimbel's stamp departments in New York and Philadelphia, Marshall Field and Co. stamp and coin department in Chicago, Kaufman's stamp and coin department in Pittsburgh, Rich's stamp and coin department in Atlanta, Ga., or at your favorite stamp dealer or book store.

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Jugoslavia Honors Poet, Liberation

Jugoslavia on September 5 issued a 15 dinari stamp commemorating the 10th anniversary of the liberation of Istria. A symbolical



design picturing a man, woman and child is to represent the economic wealth of the area, and reconstruction. Janez Trpin of Ljubljana was the designer.

For the 100th anniversary of the death of popular poet Branko Radicevic a 15d commm has been



prepared by Jugoslavia for an October first day. The design, the work of Dr. Pavle Gavranic of Zagreb, pictures the poet.



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427-438	.45	.25	B175-77	.30	
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451-462	.35		B185-83	.15	
505-23A	.80		B197-200	1.5	
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